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TWO CHICAGO MEN FOUND GUILTY OF COCAINE CHARGES

- total of 140 kilograms of cocaine in the conspiracy -

- street value of cocaine is \$14,000,000 -

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on March 2, 2007, **MARIO COMPEAN**, age 32, of 3345 West 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois, and **JOSE FELIX DELGADILLO**, age 31, of 3351 West 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois, were **found guilty** by a federal jury in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. **Compean** was also found guilty of an additional count of possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine.

The jury's verdict of guilty was returned on Friday, March 2, 2007, following a four-day trial before Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court.

Both **Compean** and **Delgadillo** had been tried for the following: conspiracy with each other and others to possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from May 1, 2005, until on or about March 29, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and elsewhere, and possession with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine on or about March 29, 2006, in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

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The cocaine distribution conspiracy took place between May 1, 2005 until March 29, 2006, and involved a total of 140 kilograms of cocaine, which has a street value of \$14,000,000. During this conspiracy, cocaine was brought to Louisville from Chicago in sophisticated hidden traps of various vehicles. This conspiracy ended on March 29, 2006 when 25 kilograms of cocaine was delivered to Louisville after a confidential source (CS) made recorded telephone calls to **Compean** discussing the delivery of cocaine. During these telephone conversations, **Compean** agreed to deliver the cocaine to the CS from Chicago, Illinois, to a designated location in Louisville. Delivery was originally going to occur in two trips because the amount of cocaine ordered was too great to fit in the hidden compartment. **Compean** agreed to deliver 17 kilograms of cocaine on one day and then deliver the 20 kilos of cocaine on the second day. This did not occur, however. Instead, on March 29, 2006, **Compean** delivered 25 kilograms of cocaine to the CS. **Compean** and **Delgadillo** arrived at the designated meet location in a red truck. Once the CS arrived at this location, the load car containing the cocaine (an Acura), driven by **Jorge Gonzalez-Bautista**, was called in. **Gonzalez-Bautista**, a co-defendant in this case, pulled the car into the garage bay area and DEA agents arrived at the scene at this time. **Compean** ran toward the back door and was apprehended as he did so. **Delgadillo** was apprehended after opening the garage bay door and going out of it. Due to the sophistication of the hidden traps in the vehicle, agents had to force the traps open. Once they did so, 25 kilograms of cocaine was recovered from the interior side panels in the back on both the passenger and driver's sides of the vehicle.

Gonzalez-Bautista pled guilty to the charges against him on February 9, 2007, and is currently awaiting sentencing. **Gonzalez-Bautista** is an illegal alien and is subject to deportation after serving his sentence.

The maximum potential penalties for **Compean, Delgadillo** and **Gonzalez-Bautista** are life imprisonment, an \$8,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least five years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistance was provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Compean and **Delgadillo** are scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Charles R. Simpson, III on June 8, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky. A sentencing date for **Gonzalez-Bautista** has not yet been scheduled.

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